

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 18 and 27 have been amended. Withdrawn claim 30 has been cancelled. Claims 18-21, 24 and 26-29 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 18-20 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the applicant's prior art (hereinafter "APA"), specifically Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A and 3B.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's prior art, specifically Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A and 3B.

Claims 18-21 and 26

Amended claim 21 recites: "...wherein said last pulse is a different power level than said first pulse in a third multi-pulse train." Support for this amendment may be found in at least Figure 6B and paragraph [0039] of the specification. This amendment brings claim 18 to its previously allowed form, it being respectfully submitted that the applicant's prior art does not discuss a method of controlling recording a signal on an optical disc where the last pulse is a different power level than the first pulse in a third multi-pulse train.

Claims 19-21 and 26 depend on claim 18 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

Claims 27 and 28

Amended claim 27 recites: "...wherein a power level of both the first pulse and the last pulse of a first multi-pulse in multiple pulse trains is adapted and a power level of only a last pulse of a third multi-pulse in the multiple pulse trains is adapted." Support for this amendment may be found in at least paragraph [0039] of the specification. It is respectfully submitted that this feature of independent claim 27 is not discussed in the applicant's prior art.

Claim 28 depends on claim 27 and is therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 24 and 29 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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